



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on February 15, 2006, at the Burton M. Cross State Office Building, Augusta with the following members present: Chair James Carignan; Vice Chair Philip Dionne, Jack Norris, Ellie Multer, Janet Tockman, Jean Gulliver, and Ann Weisleder. Excused: Joyce McPhetres.

Also present were: Deputy Commissioner Patrick Phillips; Scott Brown, AIA, School Construction; Harry Osgood, Acting Team Leader Support Systems/Higher Education Specialist; and Rhonda Casey, Clerk.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Janet Tockman, seconded by Jean Gulliver, and voted seven in favor to approve the January 11, 2006, minutes as written.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

Exhibit III.A., Initiation of the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (APA) for Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, was removed from the agenda and will be considered during the Board's next regular meeting in March.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM REPORT FROM THE COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC'S TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Background: During its October 12, 2005, meeting the Board unanimously granted conditional approval of the College of the Atlantic's Elementary Education and Secondary Education (7-12) English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Social Studies programs. When doing so the Board made it clear that the conditional approval was granted until the college program administration could document a reconfiguration of the elementary education program that was in compliance with the certification requirements found in Chapter 115. The program was also required to provide more methods of instruction than had been previously provided. The required reconfigurations of the

elementary education program have been made and have been satisfactorily reviewed by the Department's certification office. Communications supporting the following recommendation are available in the State Board of Education Office.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education accepts the College of the Atlantic's elementary education program reconfiguration, which brings it into compliance with certification requirements. This having been done, it is also recommended that the Board extend the current period of approval for the College of the Atlantic's teacher education program to April 2010.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Ann Weisleder, and voted seven in favor, with one member absent (Joyce McPhetres) to accept the College of the Atlantic's elementary education program reconfiguration, and extend the current period of approval for the teacher education program to April 2010.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE TO ADD AN UNIFIED SECONDARY GENERAL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD ETEP OPTION TO ITS EXISTING STATE APPROVED AND NATIONALLY ACCREDITED EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

In accordance with State of Maine Education Statute Title 20A, and state policies 05-071-Chapter 114 setting forth Maine State Board of Education procedures and standards relating to the review and approval of educator preparation programs, an application was received from the University of Southern Maine College of Education and Human Development to introduce a new program to its existing approved programs. When such requests are made, Chapter 114, §3.10, a) stipulates that “. . . the unit shall provide documentation that the new program demonstrates compliance with Subsection 2 (Standard 2.1 – Initial Teacher Candidate Performance, Standard 2.3 – Field Experiences and Clinical Practice, Standard 2.5 – Faculty Qualifications, Performance and Development, and Standard 2.6 – Unit Governance and Resources) with respect to each endorsement and/or certificate as to which approval is sought. Evidence of compliance shall be reviewed by the Department liaison person rather than by a visitation team as provided in section 3.2 of this rule. However, the Department liaison person, with assistance of such additional personnel as are required, may visit the unit to review the evidence submitted.” A Review Team met with the applicant on October 25, 2005, in Gorham, Maine and validated the required program elements as submitted by the applicant.

Following the site visit a report of findings was prepared for consideration by the State Board of Education. This report was distributed for receipt during the Board's January 11, 2006, meeting.

Recommendation: That the State Board of Education accepts the request by the University of Southern Maine College of Education and Human Development to add an Unified Secondary General and Special Education Early Childhood ETEP option to its

existing State approved and nationally accredited educator preparation programs. Approval of this program will be reconsidered, along with all other unit programs, during the College's 2008 State and NCATE site visit.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Ann Weisleder, and voted seven in favor with one member absent (Joyce McPhetres) to accept the request by the University of Southern Maine College of Education and Human Development to add an Unified Secondary General and Special Education Early Childhood ETEP option to its existing State approved and nationally accredited educator preparation programs. Approval of this program will be reconsidered, along with all other unit programs, during the College's 2008 State and NCATE site visit.

#### **FINAL REPORT RECEIPT OF THE VISITATION TEAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE**

Background: A joint State and National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) program approval/accreditation visit to the University of Maine was conducted November 4-9, 2005, for the purpose of reviewing the professional educator preparation programs.

Following the on-site visitation a report was prepared which includes team findings resulting from the application of both State and NCATE standards, commendations, recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. The report has been prepared for State Board action following notification of NCATE's accreditation decision that will occur in April 2006.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept for review the report of the University of Maine joint State and NCATE program approval/accreditation visitation team. Consideration of the report and recommendations for program approval contained therein will appear as an agenda item for the May 2006 meeting of the State Board of Education.

MOVED by Jean Gulliver, seconded by Jack Norris, and voted seven in favor with one member absent (Joyce McPhetres) to accept for the review the report of the University of Maine joint State and NCATE program approval/accreditation visitation team.

#### **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Deputy Commissioner reported on the following:

- That he attended a conference in Washington DC to participate in a round table "think tank" conversation with prominent individuals regarding citizenship civic education and engagement.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

Chair Jim Carignan reported on the following:

- That he drafted a response to all the concerns in the field about the State Board forcing schools districts to consolidate.
- That he, Jean Gulliver, and Wes and several members of the Select Panel met with principals at the Maine Principal's Association to receive their input about the report, The Learning State: Maine Schooling in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. In addition, he and Wes met with members of the Maine School Boards Association executive committee on Saturday, February 7 to hear their concerns. He also met with Rob Walker and Mark Gray of the Maine Education Association on Tuesday, February 14 to receive their input. While holding these meetings over the course of the last several months, what has become increasingly clear is that further research is needed in order to present a report that adequately reflects, as much as possible, some "hard data" that supports the contents of the report as well as the vision of the Select Panel.
- That he drafted and circulated a memo to Board members entertaining the notion of having two high school students participate as non-voting members on the State Board of Education. These two students would have a "full" voice as members and would be expected to attend all Board meetings, but would not cast a vote.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

Ellie Multer:

- That Senator Schneider has submitted a bill to the Legislature, which in essence is in response to the Board's denial of MSAD 31's school construction project.

Ann Weisleder:

- That she and the Commissioner of Education met with the Acting CEO of the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence, which is an alternative group for teacher certification. A packet of information will be shared with the Certification Committee when it meets on February 27.

Phil Dionne:

- That the Career and Technical Education (CTE) group held its first stakeholders meeting to begin discussions about the data that is currently available and the data that would be need for the essential programs and services model.

- That the CTE Stakeholder group is planning to discuss space needs, Briggs Fund, and National Governor's Association Grant on Literacy at future meetings.
- That the Maine Jobs Council (MJC) decided that for the next three meetings it will invite the Commissioners from Education, Labor, and Economic Development to make a presentation to the council. Commissioner Gendron made her presentation in February.
- The Committee, Commission for Disability, recommended to the MJC that, "The Maine Jobs Council should advise the Governor that action is needed by Maine State Government to implement "best practices" for hiring, retention, and advancement of people with disabilities as employees in state government." In addition, the Maine Jobs Council should recommend that the Governor issue an Executive Order to make the employment of workers with disabilities a priority for Maine State Government.
- That recent data indicates that in the apprenticeship/pre-apprenticeship program 10 out of 53 pre-apprenticeships are women (5 - Office Manager @ \$25.52/hr, 3 - Customer Service @ 13.42./hr, and 2 - Child Care Dev. @ \$9.04/hr); the average apprenticeship wage in manufacturing is \$15.03, building construction is \$14.96, service area is \$15.52 for high school students.
- That Maine was one of a handful of states awarded \$15 million dollars for three-year period to expand Maine's boat building industry and to extend the reach of Maine products into the global economy.

Jack Norris:

- That he responded to an article in the newspaper regarding the SBEs' role and was appreciative of the response of the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the February 15, 2006, meeting at 3:45 PM.